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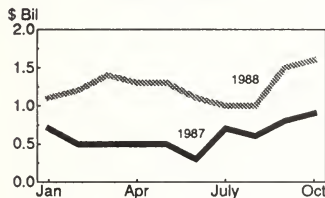
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U.S. Agricultural Trade Update

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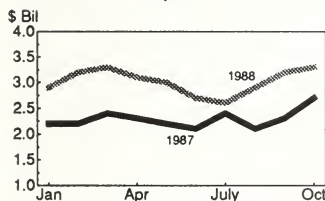
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Trade Balance



Trade Surplus Rises - October's agricultural trade surplus continued to climb, reaching almost \$1.6 billion from \$1.5 billion in September and \$853 million last October. During the first 10 months of 1988, farm product exports exceeded imports by \$12.6 billion, more than double 1987's \$5.8 billion margin. Agricultural exports rose \$122 million above September's value, while imports rose \$92 million.

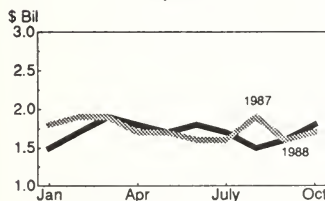
Exports



Exports Up - Agricultural exports totaled \$3.3 billion in October, the highest level since March and \$626 million above October 1987. Growth commodities included soybeans, corn, rice, and horticultural products.

Soybean exports in October reversed their September decline, expanding about 80 percent in value to \$421 million. Japan and Western European countries boosted their spending on U.S. soybeans as availability from South American suppliers dwindled. Drought-reduced U.S. production this year cut export volume, but prices averaged \$308 per ton, up sharply from last year.

Imports



Corn exports rebounded strongly in October to 4.2 million tons valued at \$560 million, with heavy shipments to the USSR and Mexico more than offsetting declines to Taiwan, Korea, and Egypt. Sales to Japan and Spain remained brisk. Export prices eased further from their August peak, but continued well above year-ago levels.

Wheat exports fell nearly 1 million tons in October after a bulge in shipments to China, Egypt, Iraq, and Morocco during September. Diminished shipments under the Export Enhancement Program (EEP) caused average export prices to

escalate in October to their highest point since mid-1985.

Rice exports increased to their highest level since May, posting an \$18 million gain over September. Although U.S. rice moves through donations and credit sales programs, commercial markets in Western Europe, Latin America, and the Caribbean have become increasingly important. (Steve MacDonald)

Imports - U.S. agricultural imports edged 5 percent higher in October to more than \$1.7 billion due to higher wine, sugar, and crude rubber purchases. Coffee imports fell 2 percent from September to \$195 million. Wine imports, sluggish this year because of unfavorable foreign exchange rates and relatively high prices, surged 53 percent to \$114 million in anticipation of improved holiday sales. (Steve Milmo, 202-786-1821)

Import Sources - U.S. agricultural imports during fiscal 1988 rose 2 percent in value to \$21 billion. Although rankings of most major suppliers remained similar to last year's, Indonesia improved its market share significantly, moving up to fifth place behind Australia (see table 4). Indonesia is a leading source of tropical products such as natural rubber, coffee, and spices. Imports from Canada, Brazil, Australia, and New Zealand also posted gains. Imports from Colombia, Denmark, Italy, West Germany, and the Central Americas dropped sharply. While Chile is not among the leading suppliers, U.S. imports of fruits, vegetables, and other products from Chile jumped 22 percent to \$348 million. (Tom Warden 786-1822)

Table 1--U.S. agricultural exports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity group and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural exports (NA)	--	--	22,886,792	30,119,843	--	--	2,694,152	3,302,028
Animals & animal prods. (NA)	--	--	4,167,793	5,238,213	--	--	438,231	604,633
Animals live - ex poultry (NO)	230	1,692	223,117	392,091	23	684	36,828	82,790
Cattle & calves - live (NO)	99	264	78,577	161,717	13	56	8,003	29,416
Horses, mules, burros-live (NO)	16	23	136,340	193,028	2	3	27,639	40,318
Swine - live (NO)	6	42	5,138	9,674	1	18	1,040	3,184
Other live animals (NO)	110	1,363	3,063	27,673	7	608	1,416	9,722
Meats & meat products (MT)	433	3,548	1,086,415	1,580,206	49	69	138,005	201,284
Beef & veal (MT)	171	183	611,014	885,382	22	23	82,895	119,670
Beef & veal - fr or froz (MT)	167	180	597,674	868,968	22	23	81,932	117,679
Beef - prep or pres (MT)	3	4	13,341	16,414	0	0	963	1,991
Horsemeat-fr, chill, froz (MT)	33	43	65,335	85,515	4	4	7,837	9,449
Pork (MT)	25	50	91,444	198,119	4	6	16,171	23,576
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	21	43	80,859	181,118	3	5	14,971	19,936
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	4	6	10,585	17,001	0	1	1,200	3,640
Variety meats, edible offals (MT)	191	257	289,188	368,015	18	33	28,207	44,048
Other meats - fr or prep (MT)	13	16	29,433	43,175	1	2	2,892	4,542
Poultry & poultry products (NA)	--	--	491,255	556,580	--	--	46,595	66,023
Poultry - live (NO)	27,694	36,300	61,501	70,201	3,294	3,828	5,045	6,050
Baby chicks (NO)	23,267	32,369	53,839	63,859	2,891	3,297	5,129	6,922
Other live poultry (NA)	--	--	7,667	6,341	--	--	4,991	922
Poultry meats (MT)	314	326	333,607	363,251	31	33	32,386	41,178
Chickens - fresh or frozen (MT)	288	287	298,952	314,488	27	30	28,283	36,863
Turkeys - fresh or frozen (MT)	11	19	12,334	19,510	2	2	2,261	1,609
Other poultry, fresh/frozen (MT)	11	13	12,369	13,656	1	1	1,001	1,245
Poultry meats - prep or pres (MT)	4	6	9,952	15,958	0	1	841	1,461
Feathers & downs, crude (MT)	2	2	29,595	25,224	0	0	1,671	1,461
Eggs (NA)	--	--	66,551	97,905	--	--	7,492	17,316
Dairy products (MT)	354	327	413,430	472,326	31	28	37,612	44,861
Evap & condensed milk (MT)	2	2	1,806	2,944	0	0	356	116
Nonfat dry milk (MT)	262	192	175,312	204,553	23	12	14,914	16,062
Butter & anhydrous milkfat (MT)	12	8	13,680	20,419	0	3	367	872
Cheese (MT)	14	21	27,133	39,144	2	1	2,968	4,639
Whey, fluid or dried (MT)	25	52	17,635	30,582	2	5	1,637	3,146
Other dairy prods (MT)	39	52	177,862	185,944	4	7	17,340	20,026
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	988	1,145	347,617	472,035	92	102	33,291	44,275
Lard (MT)	38	46	18,180	23,177	4	6	1,861	3,088
Tallow - inedible (MT)	876	994	293,645	393,515	80	81	27,415	36,677
Other animal fats & oils (MT)	74	105	35,792	55,346	8	15	4,015	6,209
Hides & skins, including furs (NA)	--	--	1,430,240	1,553,998	--	--	127,011	144,413
Cattle hides - whole (NO)	19,802	20,271	1,066,356	1,239,675	1,871	2,271	105,336	127,286
Other cattle hides - pieces (NA)	--	--	18,185	20,100	--	--	1,659	2,161
Other hides & skins, ex furs (NA)	--	--	97,264	118,936	--	--	14,083	11,707
Furskins (NA)	--	--	248,434	175,286	--	--	5,932	3,259
Wrink pelts (NO)	--	--	99,330	80,036	--	--	1,336	1,366
Other furskins (NA)	2,542	2,278	149,104	95,280	70	64	2,834	1,494
Wool & mohair (MT)	6	6	39,528	33,711	1	1	4,345	4,023
Sausage casings (MT)	8	9	19,576	24,841	1	1	2,456	2,388
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	29,557	35,128	--	--	3,632	3,758
Misc animal prods - other (MT)	28	51	87,058	117,295	3	4	8,460	12,818
Grains and feeds (MT)	78,394	93,322	7,775,444	11,374,572	8,388	8,821	844,860	1,286,471
Wheat, unmilled (MT)	25,589	35,250	2,543,634	4,063,185	2,767	2,944	280,930	377,035
Wheat flour (MT)	1,074	116	176,037	157,431	8	157	10,117	23,179
Bulgur wheat (MT)	114	112	19,013	27,630	8	15	1,274	9,432
Other wheat prods (MT)	6	12	5,717	7,908	1	1	741	883
Rice-paddy, milled, parb. (MT)	2,092	1,752	464,216	637,673	269	250	61,310	79,683
Feed grains & products (MT)	40,594	45,322	3,210,089	4,785,897	4,308	4,967	346,043	630,240
Feed (coarse) grains (MT)	38,279	43,381	3,181,321	4,702,717	4,274	4,940	338,217	620,240
Barley, unmilled (MT)	89	789	186,960	143,028	352	33	30,937	3,517
Corn, unmilled (MT)	33,902	38,193	2,636,517	4,050,876	3,496	4,419	274,619	559,820
Grain sorghum (MT)	4,181	5,322	325,517	526,310	425	477	32,513	57,537
Oats (MT)	9	6	1,284	690	1	0	93	51
Rye (MT)	10	17	58,868	1,813	3	27	7,830	1,853
Feed grain products (MT)	213	195	58,968	67,304	5	4	2,503	2,357
Popcorn (MT)	40	55	49,125	51,285	10	23	2,443	8,142
Blended food prods (MT)	121	169	30,097	15,285	10	20	11,368	16,445
Other grain prods (MT)	142	193	103,275	139,873	19	20	11,368	16,445
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	8,624	9,341	1,204,241	1,476,382	933	839	128,129	139,076
Corn by-products (MT)	5,003	4,888	647,952	704,875	592	465	75,619	69,089
Alfalfa meal & cubes (MT)	497	579	64,700	81,901	56	53	6,789	7,889
Beet pulp (MT)	62	65	6,155	6,155	26	26	3,275	3,980
Citrus pulp pellets (MT)	513	595	65,779	78,150	0	0	2	2
Other feeds & fodders (MT)	2,090	2,664	370,660	541,011	259	294	42,444	58,117
Fruits & prep, ex juice (MT)	1,473	1,663	1,081,740	1,256,234	155	153	118,645	128,204
Fruits - fresh (MT)	1,241	1,421	790,792	926,147	124	122	77,369	85,573
Fruits, citrus, fresh (MT)	793	835	423,080	460,746	44	47	26,548	28,941
Grapefruit, fresh (MT)	302	398	137,616	191,401	18	19	9,822	13,822
Lemons & limes - fresh (MT)	142	119	78,684	86,611	14	14	8,664	12,259
Oranges & tangerines - fresh (MT)	358	309	200,352	175,961	14	13	7,745	7,389
Other citrus - fresh (MT)	8	9	6,426	7,273	0	1	317	641
Fruits, noncitrus, fresh (MT)	448	586	367,713	465,401	80	75	50,820	56,631
Apples - fresh (MT)	129	205	63,679	96,592	43	32	17,974	25,843
Grapes - fresh (MT)	230	102	237,258	99,885	20	20	28,308	2,186
Other noncitrus - fresh (MT)	230	279	216,775	268,116	16	20	14,546	19,472
Fruits - dried (MT)	121	138	193,556	220,852	17	17	26,988	27,918
Raisins - dried (MT)	70	82	106,301	128,139	9	9	13,159	13,974
Prunes - dried (MT)	44	48	69,746	76,691	7	7	11,668	11,446
Other dried fruits (MT)	8	8	17,610	16,021	1	1	2,160	2,499

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Commodity group and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand Units		\$ Thousands		Thousand units		\$ Thousands	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Fruits - canned, ex juice (MT)	55	60	55,006	64,194	9	8	9,501	8,823
Fruits - frozen, ex juice (MT)	25	24	19,689	17,283	3	3	2,652	2,577
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	31	20	22,596	21,559	2	3	2,235	2,263
Fruit juices, incl frozen (HL)	3,723	5,007	159,804	229,779	261	330	11,908	15,937
Orange juice (HL)	1,837	2,212	72,913	103,214	123	150	5,576	7,837
Other fruit juices (HL)	1,885	2,794	86,891	126,565	138	181	6,333	8,100
Wine (HL)	34	35	46,277	68,504	5	6	6,118	6,898
Nuts and preparations (MT)	327	332	629,060	707,979	8	7	161,531	146,207
Almonds (shelled basis) (MT)	91	151	362,099	495,437	24	29	80,317	70,719
Peanuts, shelled or prep (MT)	165	108	125,554	88,150	25	23	17,513	19,740
Walnuts, shelled/unshelled (MT)	57	50	93,264	69,743	36	30	62,072	44,855
Pecans, shelled or unshelled (MT)	1	2	5,030	6,459	0	0	952	1,002
Other nuts, shelled or prep (MT)	14	17	42,813	48,190	2	2	8,677	7,431
Vegetables & prep (MT)	1,273	1,518	929,264	1,079,359	142	173	101,817	126,550
Vegetables - fresh (MT)	438	514	209,008	255,859	37	50	15,814	21,790
Celery - fresh (MT)	41	46	12,598	14,948	2	3	617	1,017
Lettuce - fresh (MT)	94	124	29,960	40,020	11	11	3,482	3,538
Potatoes - fresh (MT)	47	34	17,955	12,774	1	2	284	688
Tomatoes - fresh (MT)	50	61	31,261	38,814	1	2	3,048	2,925
Other fresh vegetables (MT)	207	249	117,234	149,302	19	29	9,383	13,622
Vegetables - frozen (MT)	153	207	116,072	148,573	18	24	12,947	17,277
Potatoes - frozen (MT)	89	115	67,593	79,373	11	14	7,431	9,926
Other frozen vegetables (MT)	63	92	48,479	69,200	7	10	5,516	7,902
Vegetables - canned (MT)	112	144	89,134	120,188	15	19	11,584	16,284
Pulses (MT)	375	430	175,352	181,655	54	61	23,430	31,623
Dried beans (MT)	260	286	136,188	135,259	35	44	17,183	25,653
Dried peas (MT)	92	111	29,058	32,608	16	13	5,066	4,275
Dried lentils (MT)	23	33	10,105	12,769	3	3	1,181	1,696
Hops, incl hop extract (MT)	6	6	46,174	46,709	1	1	5,965	4,394
Other veg - prep or pres (MT)	189	216	293,525	325,366	21	23	32,078	34,632
Oilseeds & products (MT)	22,978	21,946	4,984,696	6,220,699	3,157	2,017	694,367	676,308
Oilcake & meal (MT)	5,015	5,554	991,822	1,346,690	256	486	53,698	139,983
Soybean meal (MT)	4,874	5,390	974,126	1,319,442	235	464	51,297	136,535
Other oilcake & meal (MT)	140	164	17,696	27,248	20	22	2,401	3,448
Oilseeds (MT)	17,027	14,950	3,506,217	4,018,087	2,792	1,393	582,753	444,319
Soybeans (MT)	16,655	14,584	3,336,520	3,822,616	2,752	1,366	564,859	421,053
Sunflowerseeds (MT)	228	192	60,828	70,854	21	6	4,920	3,725
Peanuts, incl oilstock (MT)	42	28	33,768	24,074	7	13	7,109	9,217
Other oilseeds (MT)	28	36	20,814	22,144	9	2	2,590	584
Protein substances (MT)	31	47	54,286	73,029	3	8	5,276	9,520
Vegetable oils (MT)	936	1,443	486,657	855,832	109	138	57,896	92,005
Soybean oil (MT)	506	772	212,489	418,829	45	91	21,485	54,476
Cottonseed oil (MT)	80	151	38,101	79,310	8	3	3,642	1,884
Sunflower oil (MT)	128	235	56,359	113,149	10	10	7,705	12,223
Other veg oils & waxes (MT)	285	285	179,927	244,554	38	34	25,906	29,422
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	141	177	772,123	990,104	13	15	72,593	84,568
Tobacco - burley leaf (MT)	42	43	243,003	285,839	1	1	7,872	7,248
Tobacco - flue cured leaf (MT)	60	92	384,504	557,961	8	11	48,123	65,982
Other tobacco - unmg (MT)	39	42	144,617	146,304	4	3	16,597	11,338
Cotton, excluding lint (MT)	1,024	1,069	1,184,633	1,646,720	80	51	113,962	71,176
Cotton lint (MT)	21	35	9,053	13,158	2	3	584	1,035
Essential oils (MT)	6	7	91,363	98,798	0	1	8,113	9,288
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	227	224	273,599	316,795	18	36	26,637	38,038
Sugar & tropical prods (MT)	891	613	571,786	628,480	88	59	61,262	71,569
Sugar & related prods (MT)	806	516	167,177	179,984	79	49	16,059	25,907
Sugar (MT)	500	252	94,689	91,275	30	38	7,239	16,924
Related sugar prods (MT)	307	264	72,488	88,708	48	10	8,820	8,983
Coffee (MT)	12	6	74,358	61,119	2	1	8,823	5,923
Cocoa (MT)	6	6	13,484	13,122	0	1	788	890
Chocolate & preparations (MT)	20	28	66,740	98,436	3	4	11,014	15,961
Tea & mate (MT)	2	2	11,846	13,900	0	0	1,135	1,106
Spices (MT)	6	20	20,157	22,427	1	1	2,317	2,374
Flavoring sirups & extracts (MT)	21	23	187,177	220,661	2	2	17,952	16,212
Rubber - crude natural (MT)	18	21	30,097	37,626	2	2	3,083	3,087
Fibers, excluding cotton (MT)	1	1	759	1,206	0	0	91	110
Other misc veg prods (MT)	18	22	93,841	106,177	2	3	15,041	20,905
Nursery & greenhouse prods (NA)	--	--	56,868	70,190	--	--	5,637	6,126
Beverages excluding juices (HL)	93	129	59,449	75,180	10	9	4,866	6,115
Selected non-ag exports (NA)	--	--	7,105,554	8,785,457	--	--	775,511	887,523
Fertilizers (NA)	--	--	1,862,466	2,123,033	--	--	219,461	262,890
Fish & shellfish (MT)	476	551	1,396,142	2,005,533	42	47	155,962	177,775
Fish, fresh, frozen or prep (MT)	263	328	925,167	1,360,493	19	30	83,078	94,188
Shellfish (MT)	50	63	322,630	412,241	5	5	59,117	57,540
Other fish prods (MT)	183	160	148,346	232,799	18	12	13,766	26,046
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	220	240	1,197,285	1,407,395	18	20	101,000	127,925
Fungicides (MT)	36	52	168,315	194,063	3	3	11,095	20,157
Herbicides (MT)	118	138	619,806	761,400	11	11	58,198	63,835
Insecticides (MT)	49	48	289,498	321,773	3	4	23,398	34,077
Other pesticides (MT)	18	23	119,665	130,158	1	2	8,308	9,856
Farm machinery and parts (NA)	--	--	777,428	879,305	--	4	71,539	80,368
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	47	58	366,155	388,253	4	7	49,943	39,988
Other ag machinery & parts (NA)	--	--	411,273	491,052	--	--	29,064	40,890
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	1,872,233	2,369,721	--	--	225,550	258,545

Preliminary data. Zeroes represent less than 500 units. -- = not available.

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity

Commodity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Total agricultural imports (NA)	--	--	17,014,141	17,541,232	--	--	1,823,159	1,741,704
Noncompetitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	5,583,214	5,283,994	--	--	640,296	489,205
Bananas & plantains (MT)	2,568	2,539	5,686,887	6,097,149	236	249	59,716	68,282
Coffee, incl prods (MT)	1,087	825	2,561,548	2,106,996	162	82	340,996	194,537
Cocoa, including prods (MT)	435	424	933,231	855,530	49	33	107,700	59,680
Tea (MT)	67	76	92,156	107,793	7	6	10,374	9,036
Spices (MT)	85	103	352,181	285,471	8	8	30,188	24,662
Rubber & allied gums - crude (MT)	688	713	614,095	634,640	59	71	90,627	90,627
Wool, unmfng - carpet (MT)	2,257	588	40,619	39,990	71	1	5,455	2,199
Fibers, excl cotton (MT)	37	33	19,040	20,933	5	3	2,424	12,085
Essential oils (MT)	10	10	94,034	123,615	1	1	8,483	21,955
Drugs - crude natural (MT)	44	47	171,735	192,480	4	8	18,809	1,646
Other noncompetitive imports (NA)	--	--	13,728	14,561	--	--	1,823,159	1,741,704
Competitive ag imports (NA)	--	--	11,430,927	12,257,238	--	--	1,823,159	1,741,704
Animals and products (NA)	--	--	4,121,200	4,395,667	--	--	423,819	400,178
Animals-live, ex poultry (NO)	1,326	1,919	389,865	618,736	64	176	23,719	53,696
Cattle (NO)	863	1,134	301,635	502,320	19	54	11,770	35,022
Horses & mules (NO)	8	8	43,898	48,540	1	1	7,552	8,633
Swine (NO)	363	676	41,847	64,614	35	109	4,116	9,770
Other live animals (NO)	91	101	2,395,688	2,357,521	111	88	257,723	194,568
Meats & prods, ex poultry (MT)	1,092	1,100	1,391,442	1,482,477	63	50	140,780	113,470
Beef & veal (MT)	671	692	1,200,117	1,321,019	57	44	120,779	98,379
Beef & veal - fresh or froz (MT)	610	626	1,191,326	1,614,558	7	6	20,001	15,091
Beef & veal - prep or pres (MT)	61	66	919,417	791,421	43	34	104,621	71,986
Pork (MT)	386	372	496,532	412,773	27	21	53,948	34,481
Pork - fresh or frozen (MT)	256	243	425,885	378,648	15	13	50,674	37,506
Pork - prep or pres (MT)	131	129	26,981	33,418	2	1	3,050	2,579
Mutton goat & lamb (MT)	15	17	26,198	31,693	2	1	3,016	2,461
Mutton goat & lamb-fr/frz (MT)	14	17	10,189	10,297	1	1	1,357	888
Variety meats - fr or froz (MT)	8	8	13,024	12,973	1	0	3,710	1,963
Other meats - fr or froz (MT)	3	2	32,630	26,917	1	1	4,205	3,682
Other meats & prods (MT)	10	9	95,710	79,399	--	--	10,142	11,829
Poultry and prods (NA)	--	--	7,996	6,284	--	--	867	665
Poultry - Live (NA)	--	--	10,595	10,202	0	1	1,687	2,326
Poultry meat (MT)	3	3	12,378	12,789	--	--	1,318	1,773
Eggs (NA)	--	--	62,802	50,124	1	1	6,269	7,065
Feathers & down - crude (MT)	10	8	661,344	712,154	35	45	80,767	81,639
Dairy products (MT)	340	285	11,824	11,824	1	1	1,098	1,098
Milk & cream, fr or dried (MT)	13	12	1,604	1,492	0	0	243	170
Butter & butterfat mixtures (MT)	94	90	303,724	280,250	13	11	43,973	34,932
Cheese (MT)	89	75	192,013	247,900	8	5	19,706	21,255
Casein & mixtures (MT)	143	108	152,161	170,636	12	28	15,749	24,358
Other dairy prods (MT)	16	17	14,415	16,376	2	2	1,520	1,489
Fats, oils, & greases (MT)	--	--	262,429	210,707	0	--	18,771	20,006
Hides & skins (NA)	5	5	33,535	36,318	1	0	3,342	3,648
Sheep & lamb skins (MT)	23	23	33,143	48,306	2	3	5,033	5,714
Other hides & skins (MT)	--	--	195,752	126,083	--	--	10,395	10,644
Furskins (NA)	36	35	131,990	213,065	3	3	12,374	19,578
Wool - unmfng, apparel grades (MT)	10	10	50,071	55,148	1	1	4,506	4,362
Sausage casings (MT)	--	--	3,228	1,982	--	--	283	212
Bull semen (NA)	--	--	120,399	130,579	--	--	14,016	12,801
Misc animal prods (NA)	1,961	2,642	604,946	736,699	208	264	79,070	91,296
Grains & feeds (MT)	267	396	28,317	52,118	24	57	2,676	9,235
Wheat, excluding seed (MT)	400	674	32,882	81,604	18	58	1,981	8,199
Oats, unmilled (MT)	157	211	12,839	17,470	20	9	1,436	1,394
Barley, unmilled (MT)	72	89	29,184	45,298	7	8	2,839	4,194
Rice (MT)	100	100	223,648	217,447	17	14	39,563	33,163
Biscuits & wafers (MT)	86	87	65,991	69,344	10	9	7,364	6,832
Pasta & noodles (MT)	199	218	111,724	117,210	32	21	12,783	13,563
Other grains & preps (MT)	672	867	100,061	139,209	79	88	10,442	14,715
Feeds & fodders, ex oilcake (MT)	1,427	1,471	878,026	913,559	65	83	46,126	55,316
Fruits & preps (MT)	1,045	1,081	579,786	604,212	32	42	17,903	22,031
Fruits - fr or froz (MT)	46	43	38,146	30,029	1	1	741	741
Strawberries (MT)	124	110	58,510	44,757	7	9	966	1,347
Apples, fresh (MT)	56	68	14,930	13,250	5	7	385	777
Citrus, fresh (MT)	240	301	202,659	246,754	1	4	2	77
Grapes, fresh (MT)	52	35	30,890	28,822	0	0	64	159
Mangoes (MT)	315	304	80,165	74,998	0	1	1,259	2,334
Melons (MT)	67	69	19,376	24,786	4	6	12,153	14,712
Pineapples (MT)	145	151	134,711	137,166	13	15	28,223	33,285
Other fruits - fr or froz (MT)	381	390	298,240	309,347	33	41	11,906	10,876
Fruits - fresh or pres (MT)	218	211	134,461	131,237	18	18	22,438	22,409
Pineapples - canned or prep (MT)	164	179	163,779	178,110	15	22	16,318	22,409
Other fruits - prep or pres (MT)	15,647	12,183	347,625	424,656	2,239	1,615	51,064	61,249
Orange juice (HL)	10,279	8,468	235,770	212,486	901	1,166	20,520	27,704
Other fruit juices (HL)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Table 2--U.S. agricultural imports: Quantity and value by commodity (Continued)

Commodity and unit	January-October				October			
	Thousand units		Thousand dollars		Thousand units		Thousand dollars	
	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988	1987	1988
Nuts and preparations (MT)	117	109	306,187	251,910	13	14	36,086	30,042
Brazil nuts (MT)	10	8	13,670	10,782	1	0	1,446	996
Cashew nuts (MT)	35	32	215,085	159,972	4	4	26,312	16,915
Chestnuts (MT)	1	1	2,368	2,605	1	1	1,439	1,674
Coconut meat (MT)	45	36	36,602	34,304	4	4	3,666	3,871
Filberts (MT)	2	1	6,764	7,049	0	0	6,764	7,049
Macadamia nuts (MT)	2	1	8,159	9,717	0	0	744	1,761
Pistachio nuts (MT)	1	1	2,504	4,748	0	0	217	1,178
Other nuts (MT)	23	28	20,750	23,017	2	5	1,755	3,405
Vegetables & preparations (MT)	2,083	2,109	1,281,996	1,342,286	160	160	107,137	109,215
Vegetables - fresh or frozen (MT)	1,432	1,439	592,908	604,380	91	91	37,442	38,378
Tomatoes (MT)	383	347	149,653	147,092	15	19	6,722	6,749
Asparagus (MT)	13	13	16,655	16,672	1	1	1,306	969
Beans (MT)	11	12	7,862	9,191	0	0	107	385
Carrots (MT)	26	41	6,438	10,564	8	9	1,465	2,296
Cucumbers (MT)	153	150	47,106	32,393	3	2	876	730
Eggplant (MT)	11	14	4,654	6,881	0	0	39	2
Garlic (MT)	17	17	16,192	10,658	0	0	258	83
Onions (MT)	145	166	49,550	65,927	5	4	3,066	2,795
Peas, incl chickpeas (MT)	22	26	20,996	24,900	3	4	1,572	2,647
Peppers (MT)	105	112	54,808	60,576	5	2	3,072	1,846
Potatoes (MT)	186	187	44,602	37,684	20	20	5,358	5,662
Squash (MT)	59	50	31,459	25,811	2	2	458	651
Other vgs - fr or froz (MT)	301	304	143,934	156,033	28	27	13,161	14,168
Vegetables - prepared/preserved (MT)	651	670	689,088	778,905	70	69	69,695	70,837
Olives - prep or pres (MT)	63	61	90,849	108,478	8	7	12,514	12,685
Mushrooms, canned (MT)	64	47	113,449	107,021	3	2	5,851	5,587
Herbs, including extract (MT)	6	5	33,348	25,921	0	1	1,897	1,941
Artichokes - prep (MT)	18	15	23,156	30,923	1	0	437	561
Asparagus - prep (MT)	2	2	4,307	4,358	0	0	328	561
Tomatoes, incl paste & sauce (MT)	108	100	55,361	59,353	15	14	7,577	9,346
Waterchestnuts (MT)	29	29	23,454	21,942	3	2	2,018	1,480
Beans & peas, dried (MT)	37	37	17,741	17,734	3	3	1,449	1,692
Other vegetables - prep/pres (MT)	324	375	327,423	362,174	37	39	38,059	37,494
Sugar & related prods (MT)	2,152	2,156	533,429	565,707	157	263	43,896	84,941
Sugar - cane & beet (MT)	1,021	889	324,769	351,617	79	165	24,929	64,619
Holasses - inedible (MT)	807	843	52,345	62,573	48	73	5,820	5,334
Confectionery prods (MT)	38	34	58,308	52,669	4	3	5,890	4,923
Other sugar & related prods (MT)	286	289	98,007	98,849	27	22	10,245	9,864
Spices (MT)	18	19	23,727	26,377	1	2	2,262	2,465
Tobacco - unmanufactured (MT)	189	180	527,504	508,134	19	16	49,899	47,043
Tobacco - filler leaf (MT)	151	150	487,198	475,931	16	14	43,799	44,788
Tobacco - scrap (MT)	15	12	12,123	13,944	1	1	1,383	1,262
Other tobacco (MT)	23	17	20,184	18,259	2	1	2,416	1,076
Beverages, ex fruit juices (HL)	13,092	12,922	1,586,059	1,618,883	1,335	1,201	197,911	183,853
Wine (HL)	2,608	2,382	744,162	750,800	358	336	117,321	114,043
Malt beverages (HL)	9,254	9,479	742,093	791,702	880	779	71,893	63,149
Other beverages (HL)	1,230	1,061	99,804	76,381	97	87	8,696	6,660
Oilseeds and products (MT)	1,299	1,523	507,305	754,811	158	205	69,389	102,089
Oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	145	213	47,101	72,854	17	51	4,813	16,905
Flaxseed (MT)	57	83	8,392	20,945	8	20	1,116	6,574
Sesameseed (MT)	27	28	20,724	21,707	3	3	2,132	2,039
Other oilseeds & oilnuts (MT)	60	103	17,986	30,202	6	29	1,565	8,292
Oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	937	1,094	433,409	624,212	120	127	62,225	80,246
Castor oil (MT)	34	26	22,423	23,536	3	9	2,163	8,238
Coconut oil (MT)	412	389	145,222	194,491	53	49	25,578	27,403
Olive oil (MT)	52	56	85,075	102,422	8	7	12,693	11,343
Palm oil (MT)	153	150	43,671	49,915	20	18	6,232	7,470
Palm kernel oil (MT)	136	154	51,402	80,312	22	14	9,351	7,547
Other oils & waxes-vegetable (MT)	150	159	85,615	173,537	15	31	9,209	18,245
Oilcake & meal (MT)	217	216	26,795	37,745	21	26	2,540	5,138
Cotton, excluding lintners (MT)	0	0	462	295	0	0	0	0
Cotton lintners (MT)	37	24	6,254	6,076	7	1	1,134	349
Seeds - field & garden (MT)	117	129	131,150	129,255	5	5	11,912	11,124
Cut flowers (NA)	--	--	199,595	232,359	--	--	20,228	23,162
Nursery stock, bulbs, etc. (NA)	--	--	114,852	127,011	--	--	19,067	18,368
Other vegetable prods (MT)	--	--	24,839	23,068	--	--	1,850	1,850
Selected non-ag imports (NA)	--	12	7,422	7,329	--	2	778,566	653,283
Fertilizers (MT)	11,983	13,050	901,620	1,174,001	1,079	1,264	91,600	108,676
Potassium (MT)	5,426	5,762	318,402	512,140	449	558	40,483	49,911
Nitrogen (MT)	5,444	5,891	447,493	509,015	524	516	39,671	44,345
Phosphate (MT)	526	743	40,717	50,280	62	137	4,222	6,058
Mixed or organic fertilizers (MT)	587	654	95,008	102,566	44	53	7,224	8,324
Fish (MT)	25,881	34,091	4,593,667	3,817,432	1,881	4,959	489,470	368,297
Fish fresh or prep (MT)	822	589	2,229,955	1,566,070	86	57	232,251	149,373
Shellfish (MT)	283	270	2,237,531	2,138,902	32	27	250,047	203,817
Fish prods, other (MT)	24,775	33,232	126,181	112,460	1,764	4,874	7,172	13,106
Agricultural chemicals (MT)	56	58	294,949	331,650	7	2	24,038	14,386
Fungicides (MT)	6	6	30,401	39,921	0	0	2,702	2,702
Herbicides (MT)	23	29	124,517	159,861	4	2	12,865	11,108
Insecticides (MT)	11	11	79,605	81,631	1	0	7,315	5,755
Other pesticides (MT)	17	13	60,427	50,236	1	0	2,432	0
Farm machinery (NA)	--	--	1,564,614	1,942,648	--	--	165,390	156,810
Tractors & self-prop mach (NO)	115	92	809,254	1,010,751	10	6	88,241	76,798
Other ag mach & parts (NA)	--	--	755,360	931,897	--	--	77,150	80,011
Tobacco - manufactured (NA)	--	--	67,857	63,656	--	--	8,058	7,115

Table 3--U.S. Agricultural Trade Summary (\$ Million)

Item	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Change from prev. year	Percent
Agricultural exports	3,179.5	3,302.0	30,119.8		31.6
Imports (c.i.f.)	1,802.7	1,922.2	19,286.5		3.0
Imports (Customs val.)	1,649.9	1,741.7	17,541.2		3.1
Trade Balance:					
Exports minus c.i.f. imports	1,376.8	1,379.8	10,833.3		174.0
Exports minus Customs valued imports	1,529.6	1,560.3	12,578.6		125.0

Table 4--Leading Sources of U.S. Agricultural Imports

Country	FY 1987		FY 1988	
	Rank	\$Mil.	Rank	\$Mil.
Canada	1	2,166	1	2,370
Mexico	2	1,905	2	1,903
Brazil	3	1,770	3	1,899
Australia	4	1,018	4	1,151
Indonesia	8	697	5	839
Colombia	5	843	6	804
New Zealand	6	728	7	788
Netherlands	9	687	8	747
France	7	705	9	733
Denmark	10	678	10	573
Italy	12	596	11	566
West Germany	11	626	12	530

Table 5--U.S. Agricultural Exports (\$ Million)

Commodity group	Aug	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Change fm prev. yr	Percent
Total	2,876.4	3,179.5	3,302.0	30,119.8		31.6
Live animals	74.4	88.9	88.8	1,462.3		62.4
Meat & prep.	241.3	241.6	242.5	1,943.5		36.9
Hides & skins	146.0	144.2	144.4	1,554.0		8.7
Wheat	406.5	490.0	377.0	4,063.2		59.7
Rice	43.4	61.8	79.7	637.7		37.4
Corn	503.0	493.3	559.8	4,050.9		53.6
Other coarse grains	44.9	106.6	62.3	671.8		30.5
Animal feeds	225.6	289.1	279.1	2,823.1		28.6
Soybeans	322.7	235.4	421.1	3,822.6		14.6
Vegetable oils	51.3	104.1	92.0	855.8		75.8
Horticultural prod.	323.7	378.1	429.9	3,411.0		17.5
Cotton and linters	89.5	87.4	72.2	1,659.9		39.1
Tobacco, unmg.	70.1	80.8	84.6	990.1		28.2

Table 6--U.S. Agricultural Imports (Customs value) (\$ Million)

Commodity group	August	Sept	Oct	CY to date	Change fm prev. yr	Percent
Total	1,856.9	1,649.9	1,741.7	17,541.2		3.1
Live animals	46.9	58.0	54.4	625.0		57.1
Meat & prep.	244.4	200.2	196.9	2,367.7		(1.5)
Dairy prod.	84.1	70.8	81.6	712.2		7.7
Grains & feeds	89.8	82.3	91.3	736.7		21.8
Fruits & nuts	243.9	222.9	242.6	2,499.8		1.8
Vegetables	106.4	110.6	109.2	1,342.3		4.7
Vegetable oils	86.2	71.7	80.2	624.2		44.0
Wine	67.8	74.7	114.0	750.8		0.9
Sugar	47.7	35.4	64.6	351.6		8.3
Tobacco, unmg.	58.4	59.3	47.0	508.1		(3.7)
Coffee	252.2	199.4	194.5	2,107.0		(17.7)
Cocoa	90.3	70.3	59.7	855.5		(8.3)
Rubber, natural	108.4	81.0	90.4	834.4		36.3

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